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In re Application of:)
MASAHIKO MURATA et al.) : Examiner: M. Wallerson
Application No.: 09/443,115) : Group Art Unit: 2626
Filed: November 18, 1999) :
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS) : August 5, 2004
AND METHOD AND COMPUTER) :
PROGRAM PRODUCT) :

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Each of the listed documents was cited in a Final Rejection issued on March 29, 2004, in connection with a corresponding Japanese application. A copy of the Final Rejection is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the above information and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating such consideration.

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Respectfully submitted,

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